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Russian Border Restrictions on European Poultry

On July 14, 2000, the Russian State Customs Committee (SCC) issued Order No. 597, "On Points of Custom Clearance of Poultry Imported into Moscow and the Moscow Oblast." According to the order, poultry destined for Moscow and shipped from countries with land routes to Russia must be cleared at one of eight customs clearance points in Moscow. Russian implemented Order No. 597 on October 11, 2000. The order does not apply to other Russian regions.

Russia continues to toughen its regulations concerning imported poultry meat. In April 2000, the State Customs Committee (SCC) implemented restriction on imported poultry meat from countries that do not have land routes to Russia. The restriction is discriminatory against importers of transoceanic poultry, and the SCC hopes that the introduction of restriction for imported EU poultry will be viewed as leveling the playing field. However, the new restriction does not affect border entry discrimination against U.S. poultry.

Unfortunately, because the restriction on EU poultry's points of entry into Russia is different from that placed on poultry from transoceanic sources of supply, Russian importers have been provided with an opportunity to manipulate the trade to their advantage. Only identical regimes with "reasonable" tariffs will remove the incentive to cheat the system.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

USDA Accepts Bid Under EEP For Frozen Poultry To Middle East Countries

U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service announced that the Commodity Credit Corporation accepted a bid from Tyson Foods, Inc. under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) for frozen poultry to Middle East Countries. The award totaled 72 metric tons of frozen poultry for delivery from December 1-31, 2000. The bonus is \$650 per metric ton. Middle East Countries' remaining EEP balance is 19,442 metric tons through June 30, 2001.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Agricultural Trade Outlook

Strong global economic growth and reduced competition are pushing U.S. agricultural exports up to a projected \$53 billion in fiscal 2001, \$2.1 billion over the final fiscal 2000 figure of \$50.9 billion. Much of the gain is expected in Asia, as that region's economic growth continues to recover from the financial crisis of 1997-99. Exports to Canada and Mexico are likely to rise.

U.S. Poultry Meat Exports in billion dollars

FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	*FY2001
2.512	2.348	1.755	1.962	1.9

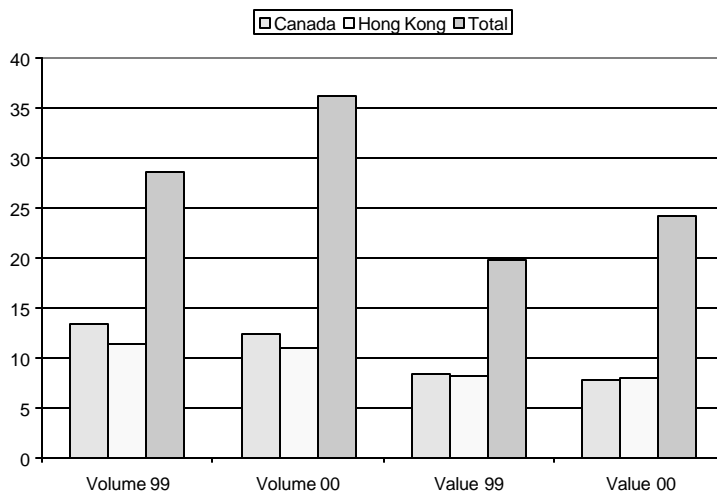
U.S. Poultry Meat in billion metric tons

FY1997	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000	*FY2001
2.549	2.664	2.416	2.847	2.8

*Forecast

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service, World Agricultural Outlook Board

U.S. Shell Egg Exports January - September



Volume in million dozens, Value in million dollars

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Croatia Becomes 140th Member of WTO

After seven years of negotiations, on 30 November Croatia became the 140th Member of the WTO. In 1998 Croatia's exports amounted to \$4.5 billion with trade in primarily textiles, chemicals, foodstuffs, and fuels. In the same year it imported roughly \$8.4 billion. Croatia's GDP in 1999 was \$23.9 billion with agriculture accounting for 10%; industry, 24%; and services, 66%.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest (bridges@iatp.org) WTO PRESS RELEASE, 30 November.

Sanitation Requirements for Export to Mexico

Mexican inspection officials have notified FSIS that establishments that produce meat and poultry and meat and poultry products for export to Mexico must comply with a list of sanitation requirements. Most of the requirements are also required by FSIS, however documented controls should be present in each establishment to assure these requirements are met during production for export to Mexico.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm>

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Dec 02, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	91	229	7,077	12,477
Frozen	0	0	239	6
Dried	74	35	577	644
Total	165	264	7,893	13,127

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 02, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	54	121	4,683	4,359
Frozen	23	10	852	585
Dried	20	100	840	310
Total	97	231	6,375	5,254

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Dec 02, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	80	45	2,271	1,358
Extra Large	1,100	139	48,746	40,738
Large	3,910	3,185	137,587	144,953
Medium	2,058	1,688	37,117	49,576
Ungraded	6,750	9,930	381,584	602,343
Misc	0	0	11,837	11,622
Total	13,898	14,987	619,142	850,590

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)

W/E 02-Dec-00

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,876	1,346	3,222
LAST WEEK	1,134	944	2,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,090	1,439	3,529
TO-DATE/2000	90,451	69,232	159,683
TO-DATE/1999	98,719	67,746	166,465

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	376	11	387
LAST WEEK	425	0	425
SAME WEEK YR AGO	438	8	446
TO-DATE/2000	21,448	376	21,824
TO-DATE/1999	21,925	282	22,207

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,252	1,357	3,609
LAST WEEK	1,559	944	2,503
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,528	1,447	3,975
TO-DATE/2000	111,899	69,608	181,507
TO-DATE/1999	120,644	68,028	188,672

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED		FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	19.00-22.00	10.50-12.50	12.50-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	18.83	21.53	11.23	13.50
1,914,400 pounds, this includes 1,180,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED		FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00-21.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.07			

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-18.50	19.00	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.94	19.00	17.00	
465,000 pounds, this includes 100,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.00	20.00	12.00-14.00	13.00-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.30	20.00	12.96	14.50
2,305,000 pounds, this includes 984,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.50
WTD AVERAGE				13.50

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

DECEMBER 08, 2000

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on necks, tails and tom 2-joint wings with the balance steady to barely steady. Undertone on thigh meat mixed and tom breast meat ranged steady to weak. Demand ranged light to good, mostly fair for exports. Domestic demand was slow to moderate. Trading centered on light volumes of bulk parts for export and on fresh tom breast meat for domestic. Some fresh whole tenderloins traded at 140 cents delivered domestic. Frozen 15-20% skin added -60 days mechanically separated turkey traded at 20 cents delivered and fresh tom drums at 24.50 cents delivered for export. Offerings of necks, tails and tom 2-joint wings light at best, balance of bulk parts adequate to instances ample. Thigh meat and tom breast meat offerings light to fully adequate.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.63	284	24.66	1,120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	208	19.80	260
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	25.50	468	25.27	676
TAILS	21.00-22.00		21.64	224	21.64	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	24.00		24.00	156	24.91	564
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00		74.00	80	73.91	852

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.41	420
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50		25.50	468
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	25.50		25.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00-75.00		74.65	372

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50		24.50	104
TAILS		W	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	24.50-25.50		25.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00-74.00		73.33	240

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	25.60	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.00		23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		W	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	23.73	848
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	73.00	160

MONDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.60	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.50	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	108
TAILS		W	22.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	23.73	848
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00		73.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/
Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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